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N.C.A. Directors Meeting Set for November 12-14

The Fall Meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Canners Association will be held November 12-14, it was decided at the meeting of executive officers in San Francisco, September 4. Formal announcement and the issuance of invitations to Directors will be made by President Emil Rutz as soon as the selection is made of the city and hotel where the sessions will be held. Other details, regarding program, procedure and preliminary committee meetings will be announced later.

A summary of a number of Association activities in the field which will take place during the coming week is contained in an article on page 387 of this issue.

Copies of the Association's letter in reply to the Federal Security Administrator's letter of August 13, concerning a rehearing on the standards of quality and identity for green and wax beans, were mailed to all green and wax bean canners on September 5. The letter offers FSA continued cooperation in securing samples, analyzing data, etc., and urges that FSA pay particular attention to provisions in the existing standards to which objections have been made by the industry.

Funds for Community Chest

The annual campaign to raise funds for The Community Chests of America will be conducted in the various communities throughout the United States sometime during the campaign months of September, October and November. The Community Chests offer 12,000 community services in more than a thousand American cities and towns. The total funds needed to support these Community Chests during the coming year will approximate \$168,000,000.

Negotiated Buying Continued

The War Department has announced that it will continue to purchase canned fruits, vegetables and fish through December 1, 1947, on a negotiated bid basis and without formal advertising. Authority to continue the negotiated purchase program was contained in the order by the Secretary of War to the Quartermaster General on September 1. Previously the Secretary had given authorization on a month-to-month basis to permit the Quartermaster General to employ the negotiated procurement plan for the purchase of canned foods.

Immediately following the announcement of the Army's plan to continue the negotiated buying program, the Quartermaster Corps announced that the requirements for some canned vegetables have been changed, and that further changes will be made in the requirements for certain canned fruits. The items affected and the quantities now desired, basis dozen No. 2 cans, are as follows: Beets, 362,379; corn, 1,763,297; peas, 2,212,956; pumpkin, 190,433; sauerkraut, 715,511; tomatoes, 2,040,343; and tomato juice, 1,798,514. (For comparisons of Army canned food requirements, see INFORMATION LETTER for July 19, page 335.)

All Canners Now Exempt From Sugar Inventory Controls

Immediate discontinuance of all sugar inventory controls has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Revocation of controls will permit canners to keep on hand any quantity of sugar they desire. Previously, canners were permitted only to have an inventory of sugar on hand amounting to a certain percentage of their sugar usage during 1946.

Tomato Disease Conference to Be Held at York, Pa.

The tomato disease conference, sponsored by the National Canners Association and the Pennsylvania Canners Association, will be held November 18 in the Yorktowne Hotel, York, Pa., it was decided this week. When the conference was announced in last week's INFORMATION LETTER, determination of the exact location of the meeting was awaiting investigation of hotel facilities. Canners, fieldmen, plant pathologists, horticulturalists, and others from any tomato canning area who are interested in attending the conference should send their applications for room reservations immediately to the Pennsylvania Canners Association, 25 North Duke St., York, Pa. It is urged that they try to arrange for arrival in York on Sunday, November 16, if possible because it

will be difficult to make reservations on Monday or Tuesday, November 17 and 18. Although the office of the Pennsylvania Cannery Association will handle reservations for those attending the tomato conference, it will not make reservations for the Pennsylvania annual convention on November 17 and 18. Such reservations must be made directly with the hotel, it is stated.

Deaths

ROBERT A. SINDALL DIES

**Canning Machinery Manufacturer
Succumbs after Suffering
Stroke on July 4**

Robert Allison Sindall, 65, President of A. K. Robins and Co., well known canning machinery manufacturers, and a past president of the Canning Machinery & Supplies Association, died September 3 at Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, Md., as the result of a stroke he suffered at his home on July 4.

Born in Baltimore on June 9, 1882, Mr. Sindall had a distinguished career both in canning industry and public affairs. Joining his father's firm in 1899—a company which his grandfather established in 1855—the youthful Bob Sindall decided to make canning machinery and supplies his life's business. He was later made a partner in the firm, and in 1921 became president of the company, a position which he held continuously until his death.

His activities in the Old Guard Society and the important role he played throughout his long career as a leading figure in the Canning Machinery & Supplies Association, brought him in contact with hundreds of cannerymen throughout the Nation. He took an active part in canning industry affairs and was an ever-familiar personage at conventions and meetings of the National Cannery Association and State and regional cannery organizations.

During the war, Mr. Sindall was one of the principal representatives of the canning machinery and supplies industry in Washington, D. C., and was an important factor in obtaining recognition of the essentiality of canning operations to the war effort and appropriate allocations of critical materials to the industry.

An outstanding figure in Baltimore and Maryland civic life, he was asked

to serve in a number of prominent public posts and was frequently mentioned as a possible candidate for mayor. In 1931, Mr. Sindall was appointed chairman of the Maryland State Athletic Commission; two years later he was made head of the State's Liquor License Commission. Again in 1941 he was asked to serve as chairman of the Maryland Athletic Commission, and in 1943 he again became chairman of the Maryland Liquor License Commission, a position which he held until May of this year.

Mr. Sindall was a prominent Mason and belonged to the Knights Templar and Scottish Rite. He was a past potentate of the Boumi Temple of the Shrine and was a past president of the Shrine Directors of America. He also held office in many other fraternal and civic organizations.

Mr. Sindall is survived by his wife, the former Marie Bramble, and by a son, Robert A. Sindall, Jr.

Meetings

Ozark Cannerymen to Meet

The Fall meeting of the Ozark Cannerymen Association will be held November 6 and 7 at the Connor Hotel, Joplin, Mo.

Michigan Cannerymen Convention

The Michigan Cannerymen Association will hold its regular Fall Convention at the Rowe Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mich., on October 17. William Kinnaid, president of that Association, has announced.

Forthcoming Meetings

September 8-10—National Institute of Governmental Purchasing Agents, Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, N. Y.

October 6-7—Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute, 15th Annual Meeting, Hotel Sheraton, Springfield, Mass.

October 9, 10, 11—Florida Cannerymen Association, Annual Meeting, Sheraton-Plaza Hotel, Daytona Beach, Fla.

October 17—Michigan Cannerymen Association, Fall Convention, Rowe Hotel, Grand Rapids, Mich.

October 20-21—Boston Conference on Distribution, Annual, Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass.

October 23-24—National Pickle Packers Association, Fall Meeting, Continental Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

November 6-7—Ozark Cannerymen Association, Fall Meeting, Connor Hotel, Joplin, Mo.

November 10-11—Wisconsin Cannerymen Association, 43rd Annual Convention, Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, Wis.

November 10-12—Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc., 39th Annual Meeting, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y.

November 12-14—National Cannerymen Association, Board of Directors Fall Meeting (location to be announced).

November 17-18—Pennsylvania Cannerymen Association, 33rd Annual Meeting, Yorktowne Hotel, York, Pa.

November 18—National Cannerymen Association and Pennsylvania Cannerymen Association, Tomato Disease Conference, Yorktowne Hotel, York, Pa.

November 20-21—Iowa-Nebraska Cannerymen Association, Annual Convention, Savary Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.

November 20-21—Indiana Cannerymen Association, Fall Convention, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.

December 3-5—Georgia Cannerymen Association, Annual Meeting, Sheridan Bon Air Hotel, Augusta, Ga.

December 3-5—Tri-State Packers Association, Fall Convention, Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

December 9-10—Ohio Cannerymen Association, Annual Convention, Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.

December 11-12—Association of New York State Cannerymen, Inc., 62nd Annual Meeting, Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y.

January 7-9—Northwest Cannerymen Association, Annual Meeting, Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Ore.

January 11-13—National Preservers Association, Annual Meeting, Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

January 13-17—National Food Brokers Association, Annual Meeting, Atlantic City, N. J.

January 16-17—National Pickle Packers Association, Winter Meeting, New York, N. Y.

January 17-23—Canning Machinery & Supplies Association, Annual Exhibit, Convention Hall, Atlantic City, N. J.

January 18-23—National Cannerymen Association, Annual Convention, Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

January 19—National-American Wholesale Grocers Association, Annual Convention, Atlantic City, N. J.

March 15-18—National Association of Frozen Food Packers, Annual Convention, Chicago, Ill.

Activities

A Busy Week of Association Activities Is Scheduled

A variety of Association activities, many of them involving field work, is scheduled for the coming week. The N.C.A. will be represented in San Francisco, Calif., on September 8 and 9 by Secretary Carlos Campbell and Charles R. Carry, Director of the N.C.A. Fishery Products Division, at the Pacific Fisheries Conference discussing the proposed Japanese treaty. Mr. Campbell, on his return to Washington, will call on member-canners in Ogden, Utah, and Denver, Colo.

Many of the technicians from the Association's Washington research laboratory are already in the field and will continue a number of their field studies throughout the next few weeks. Dr. E. J. Cameron, Director of the N.C.A. Washington laboratory, left last week for Iowa and other Midwest sections where he surveyed some of the work being done by the N.C.A. field laboratory units and advised with a number of canners concerning processing problems. Dr. Cameron next week will visit canning plants in Minnesota and in Indiana, and will attend a meeting on September 11 and 12, at Maywood, Ill., on processing technology and nutrition.

Norris H. Sanborn, Sanitation Director for the N.C.A. Washington laboratory, will be in New York State next week and later in Maine engaging in special sanitation activities.

Beginning September 8 and continuing possibly through September 19, H. R. Smith will participate in a tomato mold count survey in Indiana. Approximately at the same time James M. Reed of the laboratory staff will be in Minnesota making studies of heat penetration work on corn.

The Association's mobile field laboratory trailer, which has been in Iowa and Nebraska for the past week making surveys on corn canning operations, will move to Le Sueur, Minn., from whence surveys will be made in adjacent corn canneries. The N.C.A. motorized field laboratory unit, now operating out of Shelbyville, Ind., will remain in this territory and continue its studies on tomato juice canning for the next two weeks. Personnel of the two field laboratory units include John J. Dwyer, Byron Fraser, Wallace C. Bohrer, and Dr. John Yesair.

After completing a special canning study in Wisconsin, C. J. Tressler, another member of the Washington research laboratory, will return to his post at N.C.A. headquarters next week.

Robert B. Heiney, Assistant to the Secretary, will stop in Chicago, Ill., on September 8, and call on a number of N.C.A. members. Mr. Heiney will be returning from the West Coast where he took part in the meeting of the Committee on the Simplification of Containers.

Dr. Charles H. Mahoney, Director of the N.C.A. Raw Products Bureau, who has been in the field since September 2, will return on September 11 after visiting growing plots, agricultural experiment stations and member plants in Iowa, Minnesota, and Michigan.

The N.C.A. will be represented at the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing Agents by Allen Walker, Director of the Association's International Trade Service, which is being held in New York City, September 8 to 10.

Home Economics

Fannie Farmer Story on N.B.C.

The program, "Cavalcade of America," over the National Broadcasting Company's coast-to-coast network on Monday, September 8, at 8 p. m., EDT, will dramatize the life of Fannie Farmer and her cooking school. Starring Ida Lupino as Fannie Farmer, the program will describe the part that this cooking school played in arousing general interest in foods and better cooking methods, and will depict the growth and development of practical scientific home economics.

Fannie Farmer's *Boston Cooking School Cook Book* was one of the first general cook books to give accurate measurements of quantities in recipes and simple directions for food preparation.

Canned Baked Beans Featured

Canned baked beans are featured in the September issue of the *American Home* magazine. Esther Foley, food and nutrition editor for the publication, used the baked beans in a two-page color spread and includes three ways of preparing them in her recipe section.

Personnel

Mounce Given New Position With Campbell Soup Co.

President James McGowan, Jr., of the Campbell Soup Co., has announced the appointment of Donald M. Mounce as director of the Campbell's kitchens at Sacramento, Calif. Mr. Mounce succeeds Odbert C. Zinn, who has retired after 30 years of service with the company.

Mr. Mounce, a native son of Iowa, joined the Campbell organization in 1930, when he went to work in the Chicago Kitchens. In 1939 he became purchasing agent of Campbell Soup Co. Ltd., New Toronto, Canada; was appointed plant manager in 1941 and vice president in 1943, serving in that capacity until his transfer to California earlier this year.

Mr. Zinn joined the Campbell Co. in 1917 and soon became a familiar and well-known figure throughout the canning industry. As purchasing agent and later as a member of the staff of the director of Research and Development, he became expert in locating new sources of supply for the company's substantial requirements of ingredients. In February, 1946, he was appointed plant manager at Sacramento, where he laid the groundwork for the canning operations which will get underway this fall.

New Director for Libby

Charles S. Bridges has been elected a director of Libby, McNeill & Libby, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Charles H. Swift, who had been a director since 1909. Mr. Bridges began his service with the Libby firm in 1923 as a salesman operating out of its Norfolk, Va., office. He became connected with the company's export sales department in 1926, and was promoted to the post of manager of the firm's export division in 1938.

In 1940, Mr. Bridges became assistant to the vice president and general manager, and in 1943 was made a vice president. He has supervision of sales, merchandising and advertising of Libby, McNeill & Libby.

Procurement

To Buy Canned Tomato Juice For School Lunch Program

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has advised the Association that it plans to purchase a considerable quantity of canned tomato juice for use in the school lunch program and that offers for the sale of this product may now be submitted. (The exact quantity that USDA plans to purchase could not be determined at this time.)

Sealed offers in quadruplicate for not less than minimum cartons (1600 cases 12/3 cylinder cans or 1600 cases 6/10's) and multiples thereof may be submitted so as to be received by the Contract and Records Division, Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C., not later than 5 p. m., EDST, September 22, 1947. Such offers shall be subject to acceptance by USDA in whole or in part, by telegram filed at Washington, D. C., not later than midnight, EDST, September 29, 1947. Delivery of the product should be scheduled in weekly shipments during period November 1 through November 29, 1947.

Any inquiries in connection with this announcement should be sent to Bradford Armstrong, Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C., Telephone, Republic 4142, Extension 2560.

Foreign Trade

FAO Lacks Authority to Help Present World Food Crisis

Reports from Geneva, Switzerland, indicate that negotiations at the Food and Agriculture Organization conference now in session there have reached an impasse, according to informed sources. Representatives from 53 countries state that they are without power to do anything about the world food crisis other than to furnish comprehensive data that a food crisis really exists.

The proposed world food council, without the signed authority of respective governments to back it, would have no more power to require nations

Field Laboratory Units In Minnesota and Indiana

Newspapers and radio stations throughout Minnesota were mailed copies this week of a press release describing the Association's trailer laboratory and its activities in Minnesota canneries during the forthcoming two-week period. The press release outlined some of the field work presently being carried on by the Association's motorized laboratory units and described the facilities being offered N.C.A. members by its research laboratory staff.

While in Minnesota, the mobile field laboratory will be located at Le Sueur and will make studies on corn in adjacent canning areas. Another motorized N.C.A. laboratory unit is stationed at Shelbyville, Ind., and is serving as an operating base for technicians making studies on tomato juice.

to accept international allocations than does the present International Emergency Food Council, FAO officials explained. Indications are that

Statistics

Alaska Salmon Pack Report

The following table, prepared from preliminary statistics compiled by the Fish and Wildlife Service, shows the pack of Alaska canned salmon, by regions and varieties, through August 23, 1947, as compared with a similar period in 1946:

Districts	August 23, 1947	August 24, 1946
	Cases	Cases
Western Alaska ¹	1,407,064	694,464
Central Alaska.....	1,673,660	1,700,545
Southeastern Alaska.....	820,394	412,043
Total.....	3,601,748	2,807,052

Species	August 23, 1947	August 24, 1946
	Cases	Cases
King.....	54,228	31,720
Red.....	1,868,117	1,035,479
Pink.....	1,264,749	1,206,832
Chum.....	333,147	416,582
Coho.....	81,507	116,439
Total.....	3,601,748	2,807,052

¹ The figures for Western Alaska are final as of July 31, 1946, and 1947. Includes Yukon-Kuskokwim District pack (June 1 to July 31).

the present conference will end without solving the food crisis or even deciding on a headquarters site for FAO, officials state.

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